## Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** June 3, 2011

**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren

FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development

**RE:** Friday Report

**CC:** Board of Aldermen

Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

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Monday 6/6/11	Planning and Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 209
Tuesday 6/7/11	<ul> <li>Newtonville Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street</li> <li>Land Use Committee –Working Session, 7:00 p.m., Room 222</li> <li>Chestnut Hill Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond St.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 6/8/11	<ul> <li>Newton Housing Partnership, 7:45 a.m., Room 202</li> <li>Bike Newton, 7:00 p.m., Brigham House, 20 Hartford Street, Newton Highlands</li> </ul>
Thursday 6/9/11	Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission – <i>cancelled</i> . Next meeting July 14 <sup>th</sup>

Welcome Housing Planner, Rieko Hayashi! This week the Planning and Development Department



welcomed Rieko Hayashi to its staff. Rieko, a Newton resident, will be managing the Newton Housing Rehabilitation and First Time Homebuyer Programs. She will also be responsible for updating and maintaining the Subsidized Housing Inventory and working on developing community outreach on affordable housing. Most recently, she was the Housing Program Manager for the Marlborough Community Development Authority where she administered a housing rehabilitation program and managed federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program housing projects. Before she worked in Marlborough, she was the administrator of

the Brookline Improvement Coalition, a nonprofit that acquires and develops affordable rental and for sale housing. Reiko has a BA in Political Science from Columbia University and a MA in City Planning from MIT. Reiko's can be reached at 617. 796.1149 or <a href="mailto:rhayashi@newtonma.gov">rhayashi@newtonma.gov</a>. Welcome Reiko!

- Planning and Development Board: The Planning and Development Board will meet on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. Agenda items for the Board acting at the Community Development Board include the approval of the May 2 and May 25 minutes, an update on the City's Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing grant, and a discussion of nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning and Development Board. The Board acting as the Planning Board will consider a request for a waiver of the light ordinance from Societa Maschile Di Maria Santissima Del Carmine Festival (scheduled for July 13 through July 17). Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617.796.1125 or kcahill@newtonma.gov.
- **Newtonville Advisory Committee**: The Committee is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, June 7**<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m., at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street. The focus of the meeting will be a review of the construction documents for creation of a passive park at Lowell Park. **Contact Danielle Bailey at 617.796.1139 or** dbailey@newtonma.gov.

- Land Use Committee –Working Session: The Committee will hold a working Session on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 222. The agenda includes the following: #7-11, Charles River Country Club, Inc., petition to extend a nonconforming use to create a short game practice area for its members and guests in a currently unimproved portion of an existing golf course (no buildings or structures are involved) at 483 Dedham Street. Contact Eve Tapper at 617.796.1141 or etapper@newtonma.gov.
- Chestnut Hill Association Meeting: The Chestnut Hill Association's monthly meeting will include a discussion of the Chestnut Hill Shopping Center where WS Development Associates LLC (the owner) will be presenting plans for the demolition and reconstruction of part of the building at 33 Boylston Street. The proposed new building is three stories high and 50 feet in height with new ground floor retail uses, potential second floor office or retail space, and the applicant's corporate offices on the third floor. The petitioners are also requesting a zone change to BU-4 to permit a building of this height. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer (379 Hammond Street, Chestnut Hill in the Parish Hall behind the Church on the left). Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617-796-1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.
- Newton Housing Partnership: The next Housing Partnership meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m., in Room 202. This month's agenda includes: Approval of April 13 meeting minutes; Discussion of NHP annual report to Mayor; Election of Chair and Vice-Chair; Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Partnership's structure and ideas for consideration; and other business, including an update on the FY12 Federal CDBG and HOME Allocations. Contact Robert Muollo, Jr. at 617.796.1146 or email <a href="mailto:rmuollo@newtonma.gov">rmuollo@newtonma.gov</a>.
- **Bike Newton:** Bike Newton Steering Committee meeting will be held **Wednesday, June 8**<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Brigham House, 20 Hartford Street in Newton Highlands. For more information **contact Steve Heinrichs at** <a href="mailto:sheinr41423@aol.com">sheinr41423@aol.com</a>.
- Needham Street Update: During our "Public Presentation Night" on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, an attentive audience listened to nine presentations by residents, activists, business owners, and architects about their ideas for the future of the Needham Street Corridor. Information from the meeting, including the six PowerPoint presentations that were delivered, is available on the project website at: <a href="www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet">www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet</a>. This summer, the Planning Department will spend focus on outreach, research, conducting a survey of businesses, and creating a draft master plan for the corridor. The next community meeting to review the draft master plan will occur in Fall 2011. Comments and questions can be directed to <a href="mailto:NeedhamStreet@newtonma.gov">NeedhamStreet@newtonma.gov</a>.
- Community Preservation Committee: The Committee's next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville. The agenda includes discussion of the tentative scope of work for the City Historic Buildings Survey and program planning for FY12-13, including proposal deadlines and community outreach for the program's 10th anniversary. From <a href="www.newtonma.gov/cpa">www.newtonma.gov/cpa</a>, click on 'Committees & Meetings' for full agendas.
   Contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.